

THE INDIANAPOLIS MARION COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT
CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

DATE: January 17, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:16 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Lonnell Conley
Ron Gibson
Dane Mahern
Marilyn Pfisterer
Lincoln Plowman
William Oliver
Joanne Sanders

Absent Members

Lynn McWhirter

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 1, 2006 - appoints Robert Brown to the Metropolitan Law Enforcement
Consolidation Transition Advisory Committee
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

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The Indianapolis Marion County Law Enforcement Consolidation Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. with the following members present: Lonnell Conley, Ron Gibson, Dane Mahern, Marilyn Pfisterer, Lincoln Plowman, William Oliver, and Joanne Sanders. Absent was Lynn McWhirter. Also in attendance was Councillor Vernon Brown.

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Dr. Robert Brown, Assistant Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, stated that he has served on the Board of Public Safety for two years and it has been a form of service that is a privilege and honor. He said that his research area is in criminal justice, specifically policing. Dr. Brown stated that professionally and personally the service that he has provided thus far has been valuable and important. He thanks everyone for their consideration of the appointment.

Councillor Gibson stated that Dr. Brown is a part of the OK kids program and this program is making a difference with African American youth. Councillor Gibson stated that Dr. Brown's research and experience should bring a lot to the table.

Councillor Pfisterer asked Dr. Brown what his expectations and goals are for being a part of the advisory committee. Dr. Brown stated that his goal is to make the merger as seamless as possible, and also to maintain and improve the level of public safety that is provided by the officers to the community. He added that he is interested in maintaining the reputation of the law enforcement community in Marion County. Dr. Brown stated that Indianapolis/Marion County law enforcement is considered to be one of the premier agencies.

Councillor Conley stated that Dr. Brown has a very extensive resume that shows he has been laboring in the public safety community for a long time. Councillor Conley commended Dr. Brown on the OK kids program. Dr. Brown stated that the OK kids program is very important because it not only represents a program where individuals can get involved, but it is also a program that shows how the law enforcement community can make a difference in the lives of individuals.

Councillor Mahern stated that this advisory committee needs someone who can handle everything moving forward, because everything will not transition as smoothly as everyone would like, and there will be some challenges that will need to be dealt with. Dr. Brown stated that one of the advantages of being an academic and working a lot in the "Ivory tower" is that people get used to speaking their mind. He said that there will be some tough times ahead and there will be some

people who are not going to be happy. Dr. Brown said that some of his goals will be to point out problems, try to explain why they are problems, try to resolve the problems, and move forward.

Councillor Sanders asked Dr. Brown his view on community policing and what it stands for. Dr. Brown stated that a very common definition of community policing is a relationship between law enforcement and the public that builds on partnerships in decision making. Community policing focuses on small problems to prevent them from turning into larger problems.

Councillor Oliver asked Dr. Brown if there is anything that he plans to target while serving on the advisory committee. Dr. Brown stated that he would like for everyone involved in the process to have a voice in the transition. He said that people may not get what they want or they may not like the final decisions but if they have had a chance to voice their concerns and have some input into the process, the morale will be very high for everyone.

Councillor Pfisterer stated that she was assured that community policing will stay in place. She said that she has been able to see the impact that community policing has on the community, and there were some very good results.

Councillor Brown stated that Dr. Brown's credentials are impeccable, and he brings an objective view with what is going on in this city. Councillor Brown said he would be a great asset for the advisory committee.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to send Proposal No. 1, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Indianapolis Marion County Law Enforcement Consolidation Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
The Indianapolis Marion County
Law Enforcement Consolidation
Committee

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